THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) No amount collected under DPEA has been misutilized.

(b) and (c) The amount collected in 29 cases is Rs. 17.89 crores so far, the details of which have been given in reply to questions answered in the Rajya Sabha from time to time.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Necessary provisions already exists in para 17(2) (a) and (b) of DPCO 1979 and in para 14(2) of DPCO, 1987.

Escalation in Project Cost of Haldia Petrochemicals

413. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Industrial Development Bank of India has informed the West Bengal Government that an escalation in the project cost of Haldia Petrochemicals will have to be financed without recourse to the financial institutions/ banks;

(b) whether this stipulation has put the future of Haldia Petrochemicals Project in jeopardy; and

(c) what action is being taken by Government to execute the project in time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) Haldia Petrochemicals Limited is a joint sector company with West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation and the Tata Tea Limited and Associates. The company as an entity is taking necessary steps for implementation of the project.

Persons Apprehended in connection with Bhopal Gas Tragedy

414. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH : SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons apprehended in connection with Bhopal Gas Tragedy that took a heavy toll of lives in December, 1984 gas leakage;

(b) the steps taken by Government to pay the compensation to the victims as per the Supreme Court's judgement; and

(c) what was the total amount of compensation paid so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDURADO FALEIRO) : (a) Nine.

(b) and (c) Forty Courts of Deputy Commissioners have been sanctioned. Thirty two courts have already started functioning. A total of 2784 cases have been adjudicated until 31-3-1993. The total compensation paid so far is Rs. 329.84 lakhs.

Shortage of Drugs for the Treatment of Tuberculosis

415. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an acute shortage of drugs meant for the treatment of Tuberculosis in the country particularly in Punjab and Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take to make drugs for treatment of Tuberculosis easily available in the market and in the TB hospitals which treat the poor TB patients throughout the country;